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1. WE HAVE STUDIED IN FURTHER DETAIL THE STATEMENT OF
THE EC COUNCIL JUNE 21 OF FRENCH SECRETARY OF STATE
TAITTINGER REGARDING MEDITERRANEAN AGRICULTURE WHICH WAS
SUMMARIZED REF. A. IT SEEMS TO US THAT FOR THE MOST
PART THE STATEMENT DOES LITTLE MORE THAN ECHO SENTIMENTS
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CIRCLES. HOWEVER, THE STATEMENT DOES CALL FOR ADOPTING
PLANTING CONTROLS, QUALITY STANDARDS AND MECHANISMS TO
REGULATE INTRA-EC TRADE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.
BEYOND THAT, THE FRENCH HAVE NOT BEEN ANY MORE SPECIFIC
THAN HERETOFORE REGARDING THE EC MEASURES THEY ENVISAGE.
TAITTINGER ALSO SAID THAT AT THIS STAGE OF THE EC
ENLARGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE, THE COMMUNITY

SHOULD UNDERTAKE "AN INVENTORY OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE AGRICULTURAL DOSSIER" WITH THE GREEKS. WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER THIS STATEMENT WAS THAT PROMISED BY FRENCH DURING FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT MEETING (DESCRIBED REF. B) BUT WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING EMBASSY PARIS CAN FIND OUT ABOUT FRENCH CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR REFORMING THE CAP ON MEDITERRANEAN FARM PRODUCTS (REF. B).

2. IN HIS RESPONSE TO TAITTINGER STATEMENT AT JUNE 21 COUNCIL MEETING EC PRESIDENT JENKINS STEERED A CAREFULLY BALANCED COURSE THROUGH THE CONFLICTING COMMUNITY INTERESTS ON THIS MATTER. IN STATEMENT RELEASED BY COMMISSION, JENKINS SAID "WE MUST LOOK FOR SOLUTIONS WHICH WILL INDEED HELP PRODUCERS AND RAISE LIVING STANDARDS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, BUT WOULD NOT REPRODUCE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH HAVE DISFIGURED SOME ASPECTS OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY AND WOULD NOT PREJUDICE OUR TRADING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES." JENKINS REFERRED TO THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSION AIMED AT ALLEVIATING THE PROBLEMS IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTORS OF THE EC MEDITERRANEAN REGIONS (REF. C). HE SIGNALLED THAT WHATEVER IS DONE TO CORRECT THE EC MEDITERRANEAN AGRICULTURAL SITUATION WILL AFFECT SEVERAL THINGS SUCH AS EC ENLARGEMENT, THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, RELATIONS WITH NON-EC MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES, AND COMMUNITY FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS. "WE

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IN THE COMMISSION WILL DO OUR UTMOST TO ENSURE THAT THE RIGHT--INEVITABLY GLOBAL--SOLUTIONS ARE FOUND," JENKINS ASSERTED. "BUT WE CANNOT AGREE THAT A GREAT DEAL OF NECESSARY ON-GOING BUSINESS"(READ, INTER ALIA, ENLARGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS)"SHOULD BE HELD UP IN THE MEANTIME." MORRIS

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